

Clare Columns



Attendance: 97.3% **Our Target Attendance: 97%**
Punctuality: 98% **Our Target Punctuality: 99%**
Class Punctuality Prize: Year 3

It's been a wonderful week, and so nice to be back in school after half term refreshed and ready to learn. As our termly theme is 'myself' we've been working this week on personal boundaries and safety, with workshops for Years 2, 5 and 6 from the NSPCC. If parents would like more information about the NSPCC approach, they can find it [here](#). It was lovely to welcome parents back to Kabbalat Shabbat this week and I look forward to a busy and productive half term.

If you would like to follow what we've been discussing in assembly, please look [here](#).

Thanks to parents

I would like to express my deep gratitude to the group of parents who have organised themselves into our own 'maintenance' team and came in during half term to carry out many much needed tasks. We are really lucky to have such dedicated parents who are committed to improving our school environment and we are really appreciative of their valuable time.

Mitzvah Day

We will be celebrating Mitzvah Day as a school on Friday 22nd November. Reception and Key Stage 1 will be doing a toy drive for Camp Simcha. Please bring any new toys or games to donate. The box for any donations can be found in the school foyer.

We are asking Year 4, 5 and 6 to bring in a small donation (no more than £2, however if a child would like to bring in some of their own pocket money that would be brilliant!) With the money brought in, each class will then choose items to purchase to donate to the charities which have been chosen by our Year 6 Chesed Leaders. Year 4 will be donating items to Foodbank Aid, Year 5 to The Clock Tower Sanctuary and Year 6 for Jewish Women's Aid. Thank you, as always, for your support.

Sir Richard Cox charity

The Sir Richard Cox Charity was set up in 1632 to benefit the residents of Shenley. They give payments to families who struggle over the festive period. If you would like to receive a payment from the charity to help with expenses at Chanukah, please email me in strictest confidence, and I will place your name on the list.

CLORE Awards

Please keep working on your term 1 challenge to reach your CLORE award 2024. Records of challenges should be given to your class teacher, along with your CLORE award book to sign.

Wraparound care

We are thrilled to be finally starting More Clare – our new breakfast and after school provision. If you would like more information, please email the school office or look on our website. We are also open for ad hoc bookings through Arbor.

Naming coats and jumpers

Now that we're into winter, please name your child's coat and jumper so that when they throw them merrily around the playground we can return them!



After school clubs January 2025

We will send parents information about after school clubs on 25th November, and booking will go live on **1st December at 8pm. Choir will be going live at 12pm** on that Sunday as Rosanna is not available at 8pm. Please be reminded about the assembly for choir parents on the 29th November.

Admissions consultation

We are looking to change our admissions criteria for the September 2026-7 admissions round. Our plans are with HCC for consultation. We are planning to make all CRP points from all synagogues equal. If you would like to comment on our proposals, please view the relevant documents on our website.

Absence due to illness

Please remember to inform us as early as possible if your child is too ill to attend school. We are required to categorise the type of illness, so please briefly state the reason for the illness – tummy bug, severe cold etc.

Food safety

Please could I remind parents in of Reception – Year 2 that grapes, blueberries and other small fruit that may pose a choking hazard should be cut in half before being sent as snacks.

RSE Parent consultation meeting

We are updating our RSE (relationships and sex education) policy and will be circulating it to parents soon as part of our duty to consult our community. I would like to invite parents to a consultation morning on 12th December at 9.00 am. I will discuss with parents our RSE curriculum and it will be a chance to raise any questions or concerns. We are also delighted to welcome Sarah Bronzite from Keshet UK who will talk to parents about the LGBTQ+ elements of our curriculum and chair a wider discussion and questions from parents about introducing sexuality based issues to children and how to approach childrens' questions at home.

Shenley service of remembrance

A reminder to all families that we are invited to the Shenley Remembrance service this coming Sunday where Year 6 will be sharing their work.

Dates for your diary

A reminder that early Fridays start this week and will continue until and including Friday 14th February with school ending at 1.30/1.45.

Please remind anyone who has a child starting Reception in September 2025 that our final prospective parents morning is Wednesday 13th November and sign-up is via the school office.

Wednesday 27th November at 9.00: Year 6 assembly

Targeted Teaching


We offer various targeted teaching and pastoral interventions that have been carefully planned according to the needs of the children and the resources we have. We have to prioritise what we can reasonably achieve in the time and may not always be able to offer everything we would like to. However, we always do our best to meet the needs of all children as much as we can. Sometimes we might hold a waiting list just like other services do. Occasionally sessions may not be able to happen due to staffing and staff will make every effort to reschedule wherever is reasonably possible to do so if this is the case. If any sessions take place during curriculum time teachers ensure that children are caught up on any work missed.

Shabbat Shalom
Mrs Blaker

MRS BLAKER'S BOOK CLUB

RECEPTION AND YEAR 1

GIRL AT THE FRONT OF THE CLASS BY ONJALI Q RAUF AND PIPPA CURNICK



THERE'S A NEW GIRL IN MY CLASS. SHE HAS EYES AS WIDE AND AS GOLDEN AS A TIGER'S, A FACE AS PALE AS A GLASS OF MILK, AND HAIR AS SHINY AS A MIRROR. I'D LIKE TO BE HER FRIEND. BUT SHE NEVER WANTS TO PLAY WITH ME IN THE PLAYGROUND OR MAKE SANDCASTLES IN THE SANDPIT.


THE CLEVEREST PEOPLE I KNOW SAY THAT THE NEW GIRL IS SAD BECAUSE SHE HAD TO LEAVE HER HOME, HER FAMILY, HER SCHOOL, HER TOYS, HER BOOKS AND ALL HER FRIENDS TOO.

BUT I'VE GOT A PLAN! THERE'S SOMETHING I CAN DO TO MAKE HER FEEL BETTER WHEN SHE'S MISSING EVERYTHING SHE'S LEFT BEHIND

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YEARS 2-4

PIRATES AND SEA MONSTERS BY GILL LEWIS




TIA AND HER MUM START AN ADVENTUROUS NEW LIFE ON GULL HAVEN ISLAND, FINDING LOTS OF ANIMALS WHO NEED THEIR HELP ALONG THE WAY. TIA'S MUM HAS A NEW JOB AS THE VET ON GULL HAVEN ISLAND AND THERE ARE A LOT OF ANIMALS WHO NEED HER HELP.

WHEN SHE'S CALLED AWAY TO HELP A SICKLY COW ON A NEARBY ISLAND AND GETS TRAPPED THERE IN A STORM, TIA HAS TO STEP UP AND CARE FOR THE ANIMALS STAYING IN THE SURGERY. IT'S A BIG RESPONSIBILITY AND THEN SHE HAS TO DEAL WITH A MYSTERIOUS CREATURE THAT WASHES UP ON THE SHORE AFTER THE STORM.

THEIR NEW LIFE ON THE HAVEN ISLANDS IS CLEARLY GOING TO BE FULL OF ADVENTURES!

YEAR 5 AND 6

MAYOWA AND THE SEA OF WORDS BY CHIBUNDU ONUZO



WARNING: DO NOT JUMP ON THIS BOOK!

HAVE YOU EVER JUMPED ON A BOOK? PERHAPS NOT. MOST PEOPLE WOULD THINK IT WAS A RATHER UNUSUAL THING TO DO.

TEN-YEAR-OLD MAYOWA HAS ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT HER GRANDPA EDWARD, WHO DYES HIS BEARD EMERALD GREEN AND JUMPS ON BOOKS IN PRIVATE, IS RATHER UNUSUAL TOO. UNTIL ONE DAY SHE JUMPS ON A BOOK FOR HERSELF, AND UNCOVERS A HUGE FAMILY SECRET.

MAYOWA CAN BOOK JUMP.

BY JUMPING ON A BOOK, SHE CAN HARNESS THE EMOTIONS INSIDE IT AND CHANNEL THEM DIRECTLY INTO OTHER PEOPLE. AND WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE HER POWER TO SAVE THE LIVES OF COUNTLESS REFUGEES PRESENTS ITSELF, MAYOWA WANTS TO JUMP IN WITH BOTH FEET.

BUT MAYOWA AND HER GRANDPA AREN'T THE ONLY BOOK JUMPERS IN EXISTENCE. AND NOT EVERYBODY WANTS TO USE THIS POWER FOR GOOD.

BOOK REVIEWS

Reception - Noam reviewed Little Bear by Suzanne Fossey

Reception - Savannah reviewed The Little Raindrop by Joanna Grey

Year 4 - Ayden reviewed Who Rules The Rock Pool by Matty Long

Year 4 - Luca reviewed The Unicorn Boy by Dave Roman

Year 1 - Dexter reviewed Pirates in Pyjamas by Caroline Crowe

Year 1 - Layla reviewed Cheer Bear and the Treasure Hunt by Care Bears



Class Reminders

Year 1: We hope you had a great half term break. Please make sure your child has a snack, water bottle and a coat this term all clearly labelled. Please could you also make sure that your child keeps all of their toys at home! Thank you.

**Celebration
tea**

**Happy
birthday**

Reception - Noam

Year 1 - Cianna

Year 2 - Maxi

Year 3 - Felicity

Year 4 - Jasper

Year 5 - Izzy

Year 6 - Zack

Jesse - Year 3

We need to collect **10,000** new toys for children in over **120** hospital wards and hospices across the UK



Drop off at schools, shuls, nurseries or collection points between **11th - 29th November**



Packing day

Toys are delivered to children in hospital and hospices in London, Essex and Hertfordshire

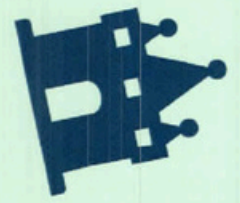
TOY DRIVE



our Amazon wishlist



Bring **NEW toys only** into school, nursery or one of our drop-off points, **November 11th-29th**, or simply choose your toy via our online Amazon wishlist at: campsimcha.org.uk/toydrive



EVERY YEAR THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN SPEND THE FESTIVE PERIOD IN HOSPITAL

With your help we can bring them a little happiness

Donate your toys for children in hospital between 11th-29th November
New toys only please and no cuddly toys due to risk of infection.

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candles
& novelties

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December
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